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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following list supercedes all prior listings of the claims:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A patch package characterized by comprising a laminated packaging material with a saturation hygroscopicity of 2-30 g/m<sup>2</sup> under atmosphere conditions with a temperature of 25°C and a relative humidity of 75%, wherein a hygroscopic material layer composed of a first resin containing 20-40 wt% of an inorganic filler is situated between a moisture-permeable material layer composed of a second resin and having a moisture permeability of 40-120 g/m<sup>2</sup>/day and a screen material layer which blocks penetration of moisture and light, and by said packaging material being shaped into a pouch with said moisture-permeable material layer on the inside.

Claim 2 (original): A patch package according to claim 1, wherein said first resin and said second resin are low density polyethylene, and said screen material layer comprises a metal foil and a high density polyethylene layer.

Claim 3 (original): A patch package according to claim 2, wherein the thickness of said hygroscopic material layer is 20-40 µm, the thickness of said moisture-permeable material layer is 5-15 µm,

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the thickness of said high-density polyethylene layer composing said screen material layer is 10-30  $\mu\text{m}$  and

the thickness of said metal foil composing said screen material layer is 5-15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 4 (original): A patch package according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein said patch package is hermetically sealed by heat sealing of said laminated packaging material, and

the heat seal strength is from 1.0 kg/25 mm to 5.0 kg/25 mm.

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Claim 5 (currently amended): A packaged patch characterized in that a patch having a support and a pressure-sensitive adhesive composed mainly of a styrene-isoprene-styrene blocked copolymer laminated on said support is situated in a patch package according to any one of claims 1 to 4 3, and

the total surface area of the interior of said patch package is 1.2-10 times the effective area of said patch.

Claim 6 (new): A packaged patch characterized in that a patch having a support and a pressure-sensitive adhesive composed mainly of a styrene-isoprene-styrene blocked copolymer laminated on said support is situated in a patch package according to any one of claim 4, and

the total surface area of the interior of said patch package is 1.2-10 times the effective area of said patch.

Claim 7 (new): A patch package according to claim 1, wherein said moisture - permeable material layer is 10  $\mu\text{m}$  thick and has a moisture permeability of 60 g/m<sup>2</sup>/day.

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Claim 8 (new): A patch package according to claim 1, wherein said moisture - permeable material layer is 5  $\mu\text{m}$  thick and has a moisture permeability of 120 g/m<sup>2</sup>/day.

Claim 9 (new): A patch package according to claim 2, wherein said screen material layer comprises a metal foil 9  $\mu\text{m}$  thick on a layer of high density-polyethylene that is 20  $\mu\text{m}$  thick.

Claim 10 (new): A patch package according to claim 2, wherein said screen material layer comprises a metal foil 15  $\mu\text{m}$  thick on a layer of high density-polyethylene that is 20  $\mu\text{m}$  thick.

Claim 11 (new): A patch package according to claim 2, wherein said screen material layer comprises a metal foil 5  $\mu\text{m}$  thick on a layer of high density-polyethylene that is 10  $\mu\text{m}$  thick.

Claim 12 (new): A patch package according to claim 2, wherein said screen material layer comprises a metal foil 9  $\mu\text{m}$  thick on a layer of high density-polyethylene that is 10  $\mu\text{m}$  thick.